

LISTING OF AND AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A collapsible storage hamper comprising:

a pair of twistable frames[[,]];_

two or more supporting strips; and

a flexible hamper body, wherein the top of the flexible hamper body has an opening, its front side and rear side are two separate pieces, its left side, right side and bottom ~~can be~~ are of one or more pieces, and the front piece, the rear piece, the left piece, the right piece and the bottom piece are sewed together to form the flexible hamper body; the edge of each of the front piece and the rear piece is made into a sleeve, and each sleeve contains ~~inside~~ one of the frames; the left piece, the right piece or the bottom piece are sewed to have two or more tube-shaped sleeves each with an opening ~~at one end~~, and each of the supporting strips is inserted into a tube-shaped sleeve through an opening of the tube-shaped sleeve when the hamper is to be used for containing articles in the hamper, and each of the supporting strips is [[or]] removed [[from]] through the opening of the corresponding tube-shaped sleeve when the hamper is to be collapsed.

2. (original) A collapsible storage hamper as in Claim 1, wherein the frames are elastic rods made of metal or plastic.

3. (original) A collapsible storage hamper as in Claim 1, wherein the supporting strips are made of plastic, metal or wood.

4. (original) A collapsible storage hamper as in Claim 1, wherein the front piece and the rear piece of the flexible hamper body and the edges thereof are made of one kind of material of cloth, gauze, net or soft plastic, or a combination of different materials with at least one layer is made of the said material.

5. (previously presented) A collapsible storage hamper as in Claim 1, wherein the left side, the right side and the bottom of the flexible hamper body are divided into three pieces.

6. (previously presented) A collapsible storage hamper as in Claim 1, wherein the flexible hamper body is divided into two pieces extending from the middle of the bottom one to the left side and another to the right side.

7. (previously presented) A collapsible storage hamper as in Claim 1, wherein the left side, the bottom and the right side of the flexible hamper body are connected integrally to form one piece.

8. (previously presented) A collapsible storage hamper as in Claim 1, wherein an elastic band is affixed to one side of the bottom of the flexible hamper body.

9. (previously presented) A collapsible storage hamper as in Claim 1, wherein a handle is disposed in the middle at the top of each of the front side and the rear side of the flexible hamper body.

10. (previously presented) A collapsible storage hamper as in Claim 1, wherein one or more dividing layers is added vertically in the middle of the flexible hamper body.

11. (new) A collapsible storage hamper as in Claim 1, comprising two supporting strips, the two strips being disposed on the left side and the right side of the flexible hamper body parallel to each other.

12. (new) A collapsible storage hamper as in Claim 11, wherein the two supporting strips are disposed so that one is higher than the other in the hamper.

13. (new) A collapsible storage hamper as in Claim 11, wherein the two supporting strips are disposed so that the two supporting strips are at the same height in the hamper.

14. (new) A collapsible storage hamper as in Claim 1, comprising three supporting strips, two of the strips being disposed on the top left side and the top right side of the flexible hamper body parallel to each other, and the remaining strip being disposed at the bottom of the flexible hamper body in the middle.

15. (new) A collapsible storage hamper as in Claim 1, comprising four supporting strips, two of the supporting strips being disposed on the top left side and the top right side of the flexible hamper body parallel to each other, and two of the supporting strips being disposed on the bottom left side and the bottom right side of the flexible hamper body parallel to each other.

16. (new) A collapsible storage hamper as in Claim 1, wherein when the supporting strips are removed, and the hamper is overlapped and twisted, an outer perimeter of the hamper is one-third of the size when the hamper is fully expanded.